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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAUDI-PDRY TENSIONS
REF: JIDDA 8794
1. WE HAVE REVIEWED INFORMATION INDEPENDENTLY AVAILABLE TO US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND HAVE NOT FOUND SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE APPARENT INTENSIFICATION OF SAUDI CONCERNS RE IMMINENT POLITICAL UNREST IN PDRY AS REPORTED REFTEL. FEELING HERE IS THAT SAUDI ATTITUDE IS OVER-REACTION, POSSIBLY TINGED WITH WISHFUL THINKING.

2. MOREOVER, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUB-
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STANTIATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ON GOI/SAG COOPERATION SHOULD BOTH FEEL IT NECESSARY TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE PDRY.

3. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY JIDDA THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPRO-
PRIATE TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE SAG AT THIS TIME, BUT

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EMBASSY SHOULD, IN COURSE OF NORMAL CONTACTS WITH
OFFICIALS, CONTINUE TO EXPLORE, ASSESS AND REPORT SAG VIEWS
ON THE SITUATION.

4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY SOME
CURRENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS USE ADEN AS A TRANSIT/STAGING POINT
FOR SOVIET MILITARY SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA, SOVIET INTEREST

IN ADDITIONAL NAVAL FACILITIES AT ADEN, AND SAUDI DIS-
APPOINTMENT OVER EFFORTS TO MOVE PDRY TOWARDS MORE
MODERATE STANCE. WE INTIMATED TO FINDLEY THAT SAG MIGHT
CONCEIVABLY HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS TAKING OFF
FROM RIYADH ON VISIT TO ADEN, BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE
ANY RECOMMENDATION TO HIM AT THIS POINT. IN RESPONSE
TO REQUEST BY FINDLEY THAT THE SECRETARY ADDRESS TO HIM
A LETTER ON OCCASION OF HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO ADEN,
WE HAVE INFORMED FINDLEY THAT THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES
DISCUSSING PDRY SITUATION WITH SAG OFFICIALS DURING VISIT
TO RIYADH WITH PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK, AND THAT HE WILL THEN
FURTHER CONSIDER FINDLEY'S REQUEST FOR A LETTER.
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